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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED	STATES PATENT	AND TRADEMARK	OFFICE

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In re Application of:)	
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MICHIO ICHIMURA, et al.)	
		:	Group Art Unit:
Application No.: 09/856,617)	
		:	Confirmation No. 3220
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REQUEST FOR DECISION ON REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

On June 19, 2003, Applicants filed a Request for Withdrawal of Notification of Defective Response Abandonment pointing out that the June 6, 2003 Notification was issued erroneously.

In view of the facts that six months since the Request was filed and no response has to date been received, Applicants respectfully request an indication of when this case will be restored to pending status and the undersigned will receive Action on the merits.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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